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The Concordia Stinger Football Team is looking to take another major step towards national recognition when they host the Queen's Golden Gaels **Sunday** at the Concordia Stadium. The Stingers, ranked ninth in the latest Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union national poll, will be looking to upset the Gaels, are ranked sixth in the country and are defending Ontario-Quebec Interuniversity Football Conference champions.

The Stingers prepared for Sunday's opener with a convincing 28-12 victory over the Waterloo Warriors last Saturday. Veteran quarterback **Ron Aboud** tossed touchdown passes to **Hubert Marsolais** and **Andy Peterkin**.

But the Stingers know that in this week's opponent they face a more formidable foe. Doug Hargreave's squad is coming off a perfect 10-0 league rush this season and are the pre-season favourites to repeat as champions.

Offensively, the Golden Gaels will have veteran quarterback Tim Pendergast at the helm passing to the likes of O-QIFC all-star Reid McGruer and Rob Kennedy. The running duties will be shared by Rob Bird, Paul Beresford (551 yds, 6.1 ave.), Don Rorwick and Brad Elberg. The offensive line will be anchored by three-time O-QIFC all-star Bernie McDonald.

On defense, look for the Gaels to play an aggressive, blitzing style of football. The strength of the defense is the secondary which features two-time O-QIFC all-star Randy Zarichny, Chris McCormick and Courtney Treleavan. All-Canadian linebacker Mike Boone will quarterback the defense while returning linemen Dirk Brubacher, Keith Boyd, and Eric Dell will provide solid play on the defensive line.

**Aboud** will get the starting nod at quarterback while running backs **Nigel Smith, J.F. Héroux, Robert Pinazza** and **Dio Mastrodomenico** are expected to see plenty of action running the ball. The offensive line will be anchored by **Paul Vajda**, who is off to the best start of his career.

Defensively the Stingers hope to continue the aggressive play that forced Waterloo to commit eight fumbles. With just six minutes remaining in the game and the Stingers clinging to a nine-point lead, the Concordia defense stopped the Warriors on downs at the Stinger seven yard line to preserve the victory.

### STINGER PLAYERS OF THE GAME WATERLOO - SEPT. 8

**John Dilegge**  
*Specialty*

**Paul Vajda**  
*Offense*

**Paul Chesser**  
*Defense*